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Lebahn, U.S. Patent 3,813,896, discloses a freezer air vent incorporating a gravity-biased, vacuum-responsive valve element, such as a ball or a hinged flap that opens and closes a vent passage through the wall of a freezer.

Honda, U.S. Patent 5,421,775, discloses a ventilating apparatus which is installed in the wall of a compartment, such as a refrigerator, freezer, cold room and the like, to discharge air from within the compartment when the door is closed and to take in air from the outside when the door is opened, so as to facilitate the opening/closing operation of the door. The ventilating apparatus incorporates a pair of spring-biased, disk valve assemblies that are spaced apart from each other within a flow passage extending through the wall of the compartment. Under the influence of pressure differential, the upper and lower portions of the disk valves open and close independently to either vent air in or out of the compartment.

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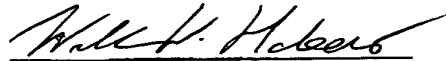
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Finkelstein et al., U. S. patent 6,176,776, disclose a pressure relief port for mounting in the wall of a temperature-controlled enclosure to relief both positive and negative pressure differentials. The port includes upper and lower, pressure-responsive poppet valves disposed within a housing defining a flow passage through the wall of the enclosure. Air flows through the passage in one direction when the lower poppet valve opens and in the other direction when the upper poppet valve opens. The poppet valves pop upwardly to open and drop down under the influence of gravity to close.

Mittleman, U.S. Patent 3,941,149, discloses a duckbill-umbrella valve for regulating flow in each of two directions.

Isrealson, U.S. Patent 5,507,318, discloses an umbrella-type check valve and seat which prevents excessive distortion of the valve.

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